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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Please find an Amendment transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated June 27, 2006, for which a response period expiring on September 27, 2006 was set. The extended period expires on December 27, 2006.

Please charge the \$510.00 extension of time fee and any additional fees required to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 or credit any overpayment to the deposit account.

A copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to an Office Action mailed on June 27, 2006. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully petition for a three month extension of time to file this response on or before December 27, 2006 and provide payment of the required fee for a 3 month extension of time in the accompanying transmittal. Applicants authorize the Patent and Trademark Office to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment in the above-identified case.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: